

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we receive only the points of view they wish us to receive. It is disgusting that these actions would be allowed to occur in a blatant effort to sway voters in an election that is so close. Such blatant efforts by the republican owned media have to be stopped or this country is doomed to being controlled by only those rich and powerful enough to own all the media. The average person will never be able to receive the unbiased viewpoint of the average American.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. The FCC has an obligation to the average American to put a stop to this proposed airing of this propaganda.

Thank you.